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Incentives to Industrial Development

Town of Slave Lake is located in the heart of Special Area, with Industrial Incentives available through Department of Regional Economic Expansion. Industrial Incentives are available to Primary and Tertiary Industries as well as industries of a manufacturing and processing nature. Industrial Incentives are available on basis of need, with maximum grants equal to twenty-five percent of capital cost plus five thousand dollars per job created up to a maximum of fifty percent of capital cost. Guaranteed loans for industrial development are also available under the Special Area Legislation.

For further information regarding industrial application contact Industrial Development Board, Town of Slave Lake.

Town of Slave Lake

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1. LOCATION

The town of Slave Lake is located in Sections 30-31, part 25, 36, 1 TS 72, 3, R5-6 W5., in Census Division No. 15. This location is on Highway No. 2. It is served by the Northern Alberta Railway and is 150 miles North of Edmonton.

2. ALTITUDE

Average annual total precipitation - 16.57 inches.

1915 feet. Latitude 55/21N Longitude 114/59W.

3. TEMPERATURE

Average summer - 50.8°F - July-August average 61.3°F (high 89°, low 40.)

Average winter - 17.1°F above; average high 27.6° above, average low 6.6°.

Average annual - 39°F.

(Figures taken on a 6-months' average.)

4. RAINFALL

Average annual rainfall - 11.13 inches.

Average annual snowfall - 54.4 inches.

5. GEOLOGY

The uppermost bedrock strata is Laramie Shale formation, with occasional outcroppings of boulder clay and Cretaceous shales. The glacial drift cover contains sands or gravels at many places.

6. SOIL

Mixed, ranging from near-black to grey.

7. VEGETATION

Most of the better drained positions are covered with trembling aspen, white spruce and jackpine. Occasionally some birch occurs in moderately well drained areas. South of Lesser Slave Lake lodgepole pine and balsam fir are abundant in some locations. Generally, aspen and white spruce predominate in the medium and fine-textured soils in the south and western portions of the area while lodgepole pine and balsam fir occur mainly in the hills area.

8. LAND USE

Some fishing, cattle grazing, mink ranching, forest products, oil-exploration.

9. HISTORY

The land around Lesser Slave Lake and the Town of Slave Lake was an early Indian hunting paradise as well as main water and land routes for war tribes, early explorers, traders, Klondikers and finally, pioneer settlers entering the Peace country.

American troops going to Alaska during WW II travelled the old Alaska Highway Route through the Town of Slave Lake.

Oil exploration and development parties either quarter in Slave Lake or pass through while working in areas surrounding and to the northern oil fields.

In earlier days, when steamboats travelled between Athabasca Landing and Grouard at the western end of Lesser Slave Lake, the town of Slave Lake was on the Slave River, but the town was later moved back from the river bank to its present location.

10. LIVING CONDITIONS

The surrounding area is generally gently rolling, with much of the area covered by Boreal Forest. The town is close to the eastern end of Lesser Slave Lake and is situated on Highway No. 2. There is a lighted airstrip in service 24 hours per day with runways equipped for aircraft up to and including DC3's and helicopters, and serving all types of flying from private company planes, commercial air service and Forestry aircraft.

The town is a crossroad-location serving east-west traffic between Athabasca and the Peace country, and north-south serving Red Earth, Wabasca,

Residential areas are neat, modest and serviced with paved walks.

Trout Mountain, to the north and Edmonton, from the south. The No. 2 highway is paved to Slave Lake and work continues upon it, toward High Prairie, with another 15 miles to be paved in 1970. Paving is also continuing in an easterly direction from High Prairie toward Slave Lake. To the North, the road is gravelled and maintained.

Transporation east and west is by rail, truck and bus, and south by bus and truck.

Facilities for summer and winter sports include a good golf course, swimming, camping, boating, hunting, fishing and excellent scenery. Fishing includes trout, grayling, white fish, pickerel, perch, pike. There is a large Provincial Park adjacent to the town of Slave Lake, with 3 Provincial Campgrounds and a sandy beach on the lake side of the Park. This beach is considered to be among the finest in Alberta.

Three churches serve the spiritual needs of the community and a movie theatre provides entertainment.

There is a 33-classroom school, with gymnasium etc., and new High School.

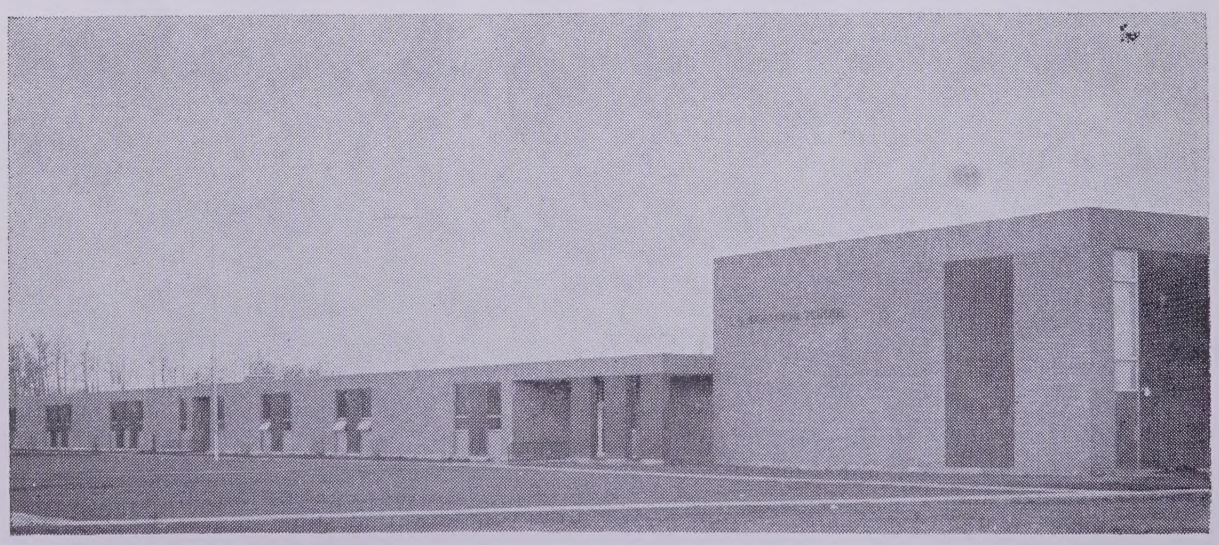
Utilities consist of a central water and sewerage system, electric power and natural gas, town owned and operated.

There are 266 residential units in Slave Lake, 32 apartment units, and 16 mobile home units.

The town is made up of a cross section of nationalities from Canada, the United States and Europe.

There is a 40' x 80' Centennial Hall with a large kitchen, and a meeting room on the second floor.

Slave Lake also has a new 34-bed hospital with a staff of 38. In addition to 34 adult beds, there are also 10 beds for pediatric and 6 bassinets for maternity. There are three doctors.



A fully modern and well staffed school serves the young students of a wide area around Slave Lake.

11. ADMINISTRATION

The town is governed by a Mayor, and councillors. There is a City Manager, a secretary-treasurer and a recreation board.

12. LAWS & REGULATIONS

Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol the Town, highway and rural areas from the detachment at Slave Lake, with offenses being tried in Court.

Building regulations provide that new buildings, repairs, removals, installations etc. must comply and must, in the case of permits, be approved by the Council after which a permit is issued.

13. FIRE PROTECTION

The Fire Department has a new fire engine and the force consists of the Fire Chief and 18 Volunteer firemen.

Water supply is from Slave River pumped into a 1-million gallon reservoir and pumped at the rate of 208,000 LGD.

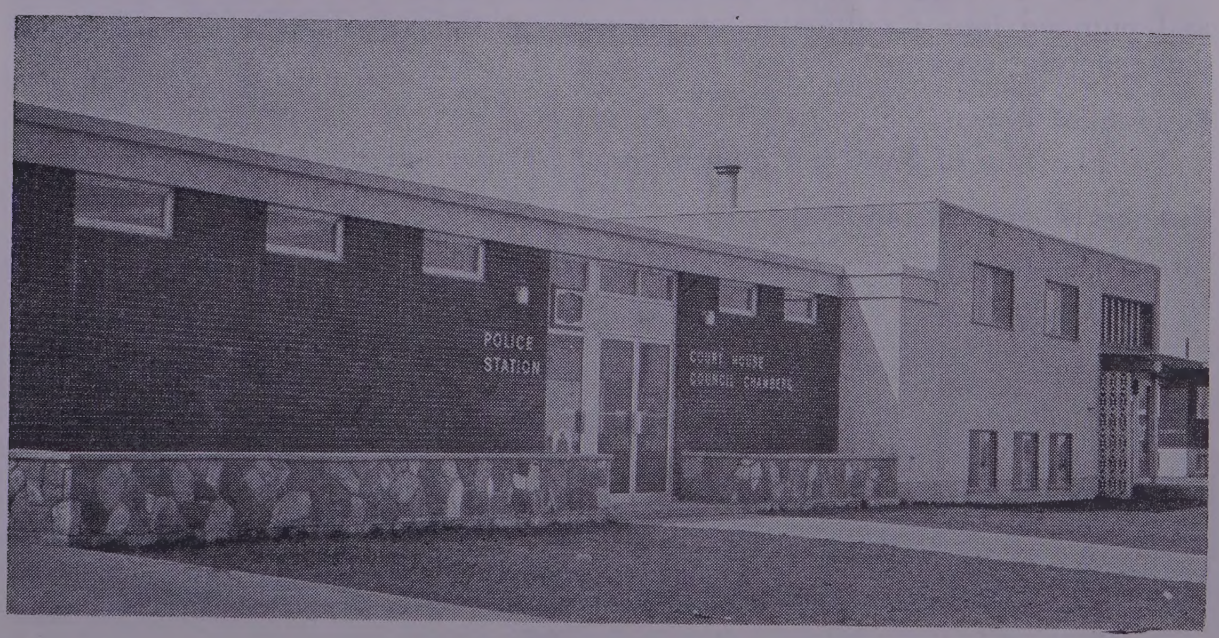
14. TAX BASE

	1969
Land 65% of value	$ 315,695
Improvements - 45% of value	1,115,170
Total Assessment	1,455,705

1969 mill-rate: Municipal 10.7; School 19.4; Hospital 3.9 (plus 4 - supplementary).

15. AREAS

Total area of town	1,724.98 acres
Streets, lanes and highways	80.91 acres
Parks and playgrounds	14.63 acres



Joint administrative services are provided from this modern building, including town offices, the court house, the council chambers and the Police Station.

Miles of roads, streets and lanes - 16.22 miles, mostly surfaced; some gravel. There are 4½ miles of sidewalks, cement. Streets are divided into 4.54 miles of pavement, 6.95 miles of gravel surfacing, 2.25 miles of unimproved streets, 2.37 miles of alleys.

16. SEWER & WATER MAIN MILEAGES

Storm sewer - 3,000 feet.
Sanitary sewer - 22,865 feet (4.04 miles).
Water mains - 6.56 miles.

17. POWER

Canadian Utilities Ltd. supplies the power, with distribution as follows: 120/240, 120/208 and 480-3 phase (special).

Domestic Rates:

1st 25 KWH or less used per month - $2.60 minimum.
Next 24 KWH @ 4.4c.
Next 150 KWH @ 2.9c.
Next 400 KWH @ 2.1c.
Over 600 KWH @ 1.4c.

Commercial Rates:

1st 25 KWH @ $2.40 minimum.
Next 175 KWH @ 4.6c.
Next 800 KWH @ 3.8c.
Next 8,000 KWH @ 3.5c.
Over this amount @ 3.2c.

Special rates may apply to industrial usage.

18. WATER

Water is obtained from the Slave River (outlet for Lesser Slave Lake), and pumped into a million-gallon reservoir at the rate of 288,000 gallon-per-day pumping system.

Residential Rates:

Flat rate of $5.00 per month plus $2.00 per month sewerage charges.

Business Rates: (negotiable)

Water Analysis	Parts per million
Solids	285
Ignition Loss	78
Hardness	120
Sulphate	65
Chloride	4
Alkalinity	105
Nature of Alkalinity	Bicarbonate of Lime, and Magnesium
Nitrites	Nil
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Iron	35
Fluoride	23

19. GAS

Natural gas is obtained from the Town of Slave Lake.

Residential rates are 70c MCF.

Industrial rates are negotiable.

Town owned and operated distribution mains include 8.6 miles, transmission mains, 6.25 miles and total number of hook-ups to date, 32.

L.P. Gas service and Diesel fuel for heating are also available.

20. LOCAL RESOURCES

Coal, stone, forage crops, cattle, straw, sand and gravel, peat moss, fish, furs, lumber, oil and gas.

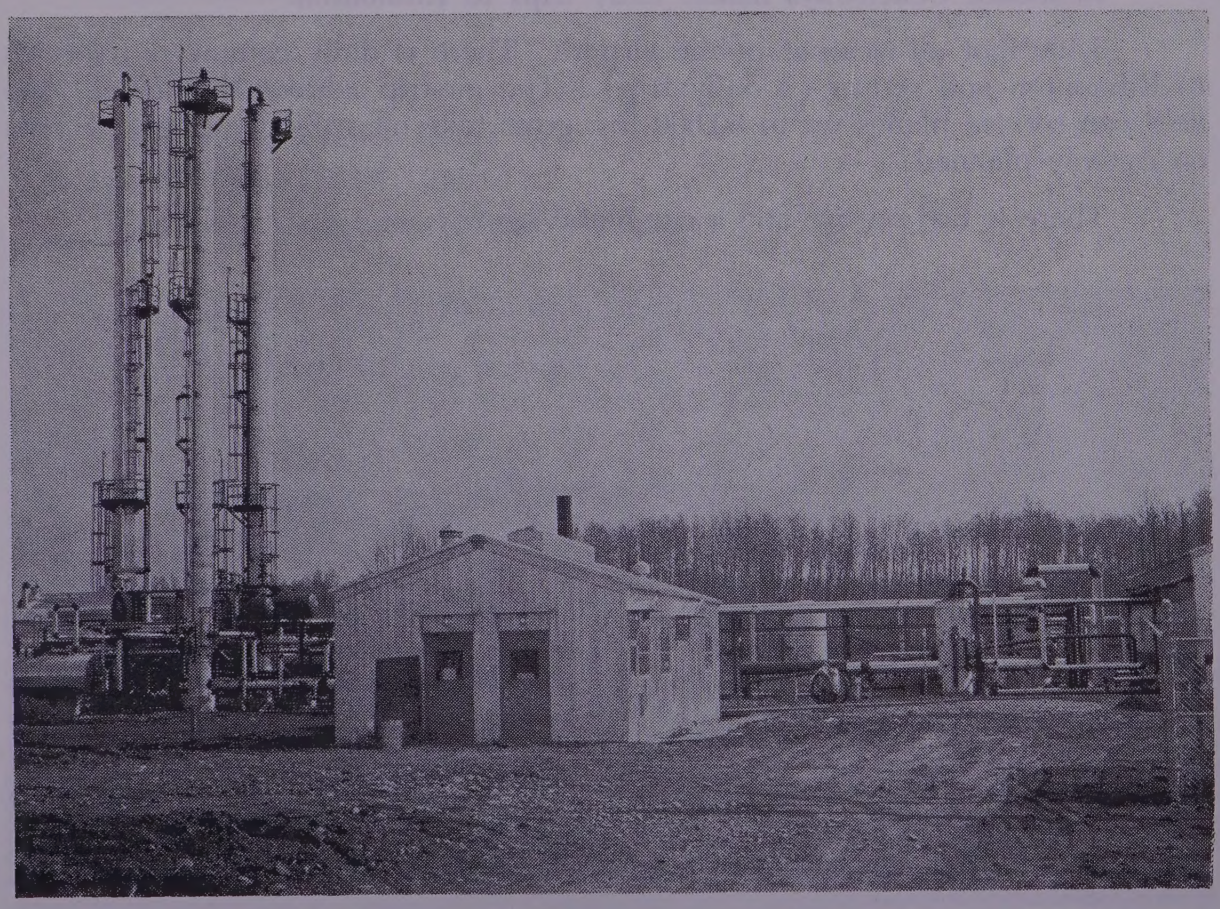
21. GOVERNMENT OFFICES & SERVICES

Federal

Post Office, Incentive-Program Representative.

Provincial

Lesser Slave Lake Divisional Headquarters Dept. Lands and Forests, Industry and Tourism, Alberta Government Telephones Maintenance Station; Department Highways and Transport; Department Public Works; Human Resources Development Authority; Department Social Development;



Mineral resources are being tapped throughout the district, with the first processing stage of petroleum recovery handled through units like this.

Department of Youth; R.C.M.P. Detachment; Northern Alberta Development Council Representative; Department of Lands and Forests; Alberta Government Liquor Store.

22. HEALTH SERVICES

There is a new 34-bed hospital with a staff of 38. In addition to 34 adult beds there are also 10 pediatric beds and 6 bassinets for maternity. The hospital has three doctors. There is a 10-room Nurses' Residence. There is also a pharmacist, and a pharmacy at the drugstore. Athabasca Health Unit maintains services in Slave Lake. Ambulance service is available, both air and surface.

23. PROFESSIONAL & SKILLED SERVICES (excluding Health Services)

2 - Barber shops.

2 - Beauty Shops.

1 - Public Accountant.

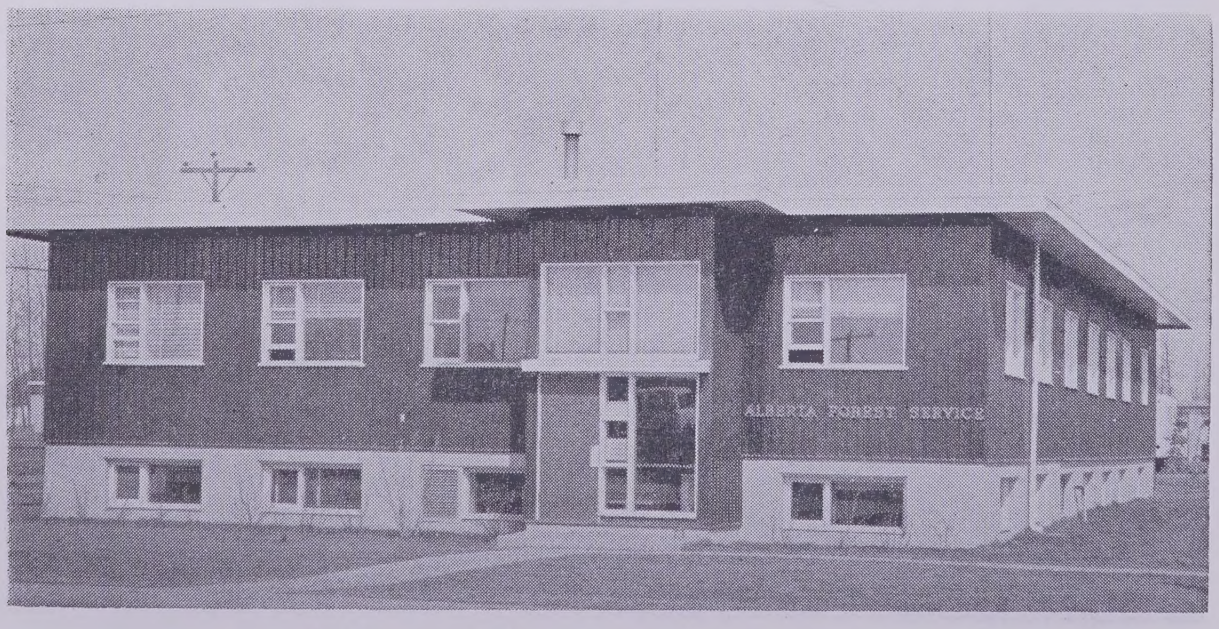
24. TRANSPORTATION

Northern Alberta Railways; daily truck service from Edmonton. The Railway offers piggyback facilities at Slave Lake. Truck terminals are maintained in Slave Lake.

Canadian Coachways makes daily trips to Edmonton.

3,500 foot all-weather public airport. There is daily commercial service to Edmonton and return (1 daily trip). The airstrip adjoins the town. Airfield can service planes up to 50,000 lbs. gross take off weight. Improvements on runway planned.

There is taxi service and a car rental agency.



Many administrative offices are located in the town, including the Alberta Forest Service headquarters.

25. NEWSPAPER

The Oiler (reg. Port of Slave Lake Oiler) published in Slave Lake and serving the Lesser Slave Lake Area - weekly.

Centennial Press (Athabasca) - local news - bi-weekly.

26. COMMUNICATION

Alberta Government Telephones, Post Office, Northern Alberta Railway Telegraphs. Some private industries have teletype facilities.

Nearest Radio Station - Peace River CKYL; Television - Channel 2 through Grouard Booster.

27. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Royal Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia.

28. MOTELS & HOTELS

Slave Lake Hotel	- 24 rooms	- Single rate $8 and up	Has Beer Lic.
Rustic Lodge Motel	- 36 units	- Single $7 and $10	Open all year
Alice Motel	- 11 units	- Single $6	Open all year
Slave River Motel	- 33 units	- Single $8	Open all year
Travellers' Motel	- 6 units	- Single $8	Open all year

Nash Cabins.

29. TOURIST CAMPS

Slave River Trailer Court.
North Side Trailer Court.
Provincial Campsites & Parks - adjacent.

30. CHURCHES

Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic.

The Slave Lake General Hospital provides quality medical attention to the district residents.

31. LODGES

Elks and Auxiliary.

32. SERVICE CLUBS

Legion and Auxiliary; Lions, Chamber of Commerce; Hospital Auxiliary; Catholic Women's League; Anglican Church Women.

33. SOCIETIES & ASSOCIATIONS

Home and School Association, Hockey Association, Church W.A., Petroleum Club, Petroleum Wives, Youth Club, Golf Club.

34. THEATRES & HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano	
Rex Theatre	255	yes	no	
Legion Hall	135	yes	yes	kitchen
Recreation Hall	500	yes	yes	kitchen
Anglican Hall	(private)			

35. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Through Recreation Board (Recreation Hall and Recreation Director): Amateur Drama, Arts and Crafts, Creative Writing, Amateur Talent Shows, Library, (information). There is also a Slave Lake Historical Society.

36. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Boys: Scouts, Cubs.
Girls: Brownies, Girl Guides.

Recreation is of many varieties in the district, including golfing on a fine course with natural hazards.

37. SPORTS

Baseball, Hockey (senior and junior), curling, badminton, softball, broomball, basketball.

Facilities

Outside hockey Arena, Inside Curling Rink - artificial ice, 3 sheets, Baseball Diamond, Recreation Hall.

38. FAIRS

River Boat Days

(Midsummer long-week-end).

Parka Pow-Wow

(Mid-winter,) at Bigstone Reserve north of Slave Lake.

39. INDUSTRY & BUSINESS

Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments
Men's Wear	1
Pool Hall	1
Garages	7
Groceries	3
Dry Goods Store	1
Barber Shops	2
Beauty Shops	2
Small Offices	8
Large Offices	2
Small Print Shop	1
Hardware Stores	2
Banks	2
Electrical Supplies	3
Drugstore	1
News Stand (books and news)	1
Laundromats	2
Cafes	3
Drive-in Cafes (1 summer only, 1 all year)	2
Lumberyard and Building Supplies	1
Bulk Oil Companies	4
(plus) Oilfield Supplies	8
Warehousing Facilities	5
Readimix Concrete	2

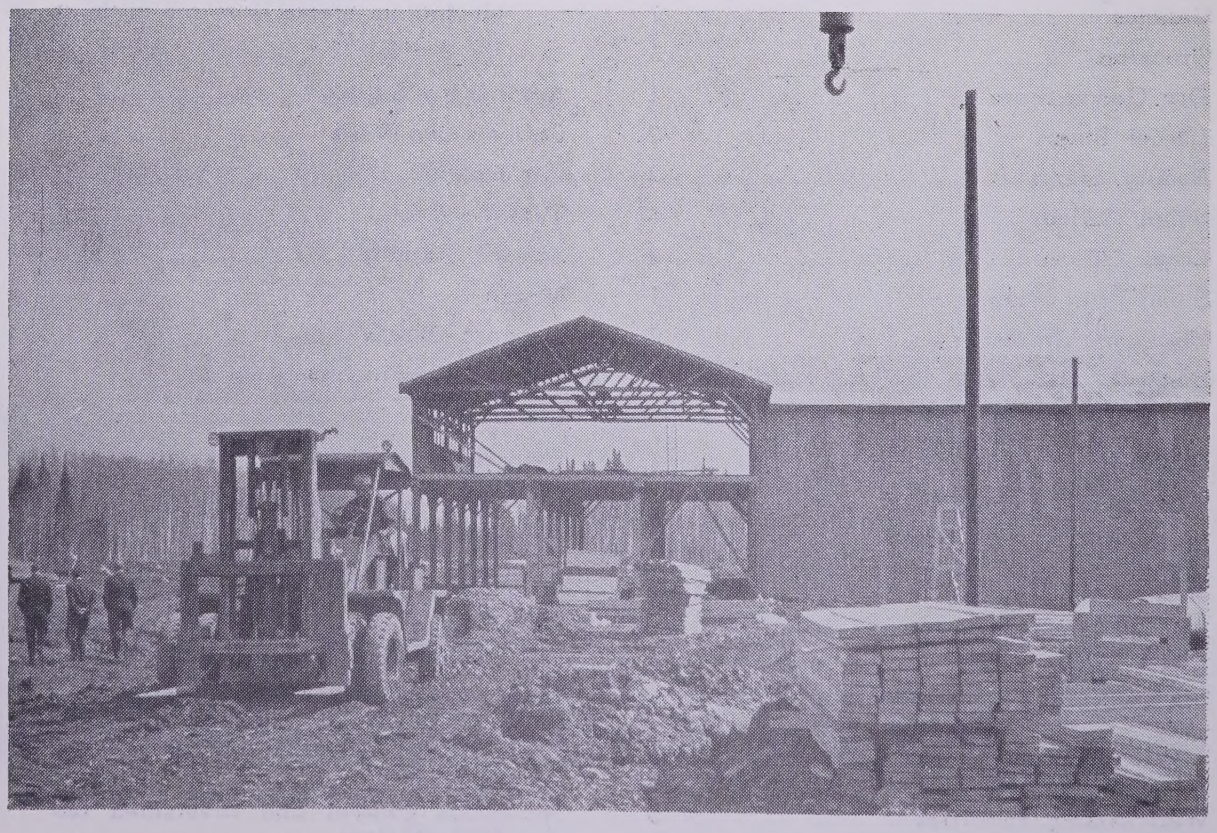
Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments
Oilfield Construction	6
(plus) Trucking Service Companies, (including special services such as oil, water, etc.)	15
Automotive Supply	1
Coin-op Car Wash	1
Car Rental	1
Taxi Service	1
Service Stations	4
Motels	4
Summer Cabins	1
Logging Contractors	2
Liquor Store	1
Real Estate Agent	1
Machine Shop	1
Furniture	1
Insurance Agent	1
Hotel	1
Commercial Air Service	1
Building Contractors	2
Lumber Mills	2
Trailer Courts	2
Numerous general and diversified oil-field services.	

40. SITES & LAND

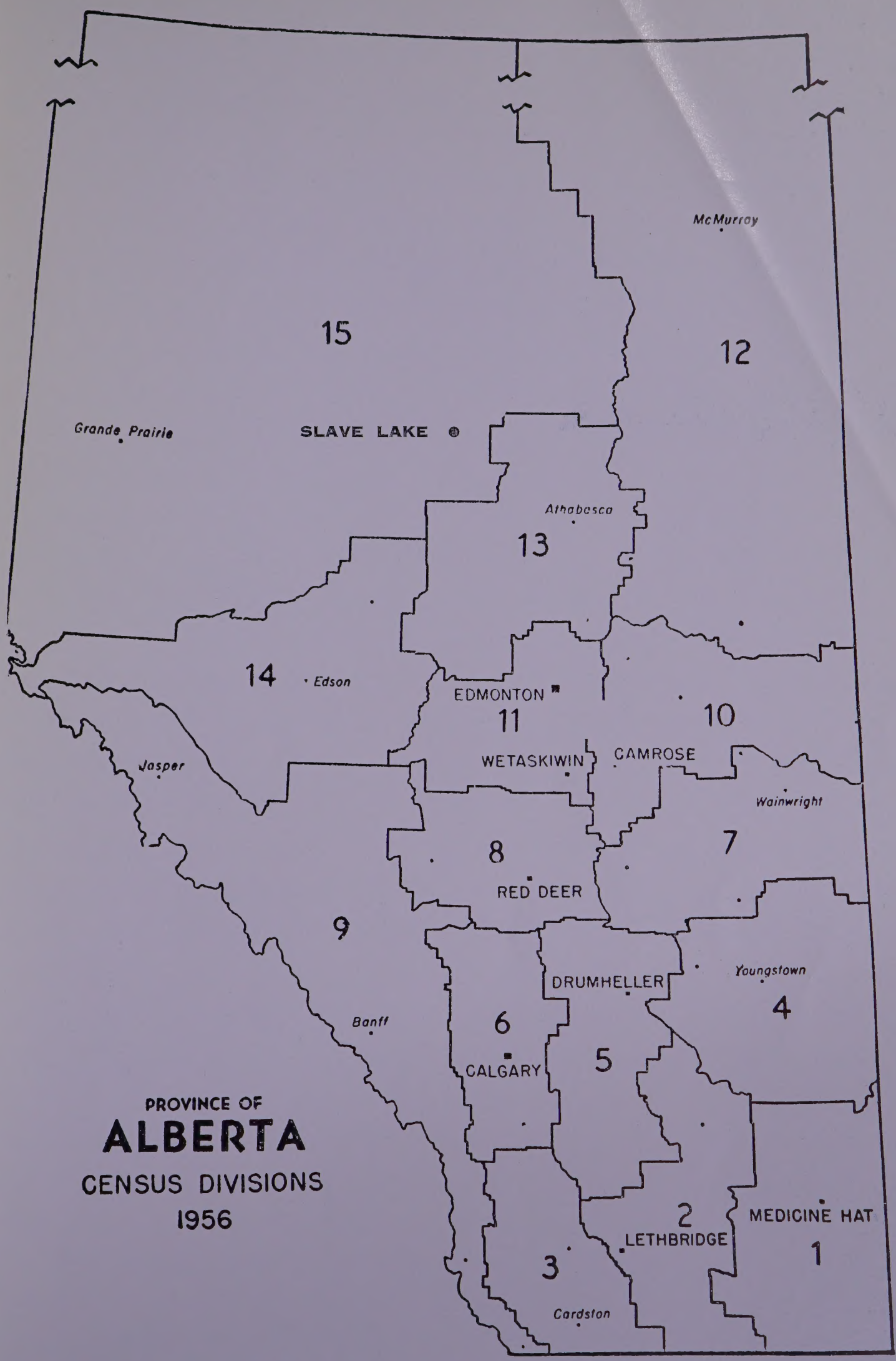
2,000 acres are available at a negotiable price and in an Industrial Park, with proposed water, gas and power, and sea plane base.

Municipally and privately owned land within the town is available for light industry.

Municipal Land with services can also be purchased for housing. Official Plan, Planning Board and Zoning By-laws exist.



Industrial activity is stirring in the district and several new enterprises are under construction now.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